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Asks for Joint Committee To Review CIA Activities

Rep. Clement J. Zablocki (Dem.-Wis.) told Congress recently that he has asked the House rules committee for early hearings on his bill creating a joint congressional committee on central intelligence.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Zablocki said legislation giving Congress a continuous review of U.S. intelligence activities is long overdue. He has had a bill on the subject in Congress since 1953.

The Congressman, second ranking member of the House foreign affairs committee, said the recent press conference held by the Central Intelligence Agency to comment on the Soviet economy represented "a severe departure from past CIA practices."

"Unfortunately, Congress cannot know the circumstances surrounding this apparent policy shift nor assess whether it is in the national interest," Zablocki said.

"It is my contention, however, that the intelligence activities carried on by the United States are not exclusively a function of the executive branch of our government. Congress too must be informed on intelligence matters."

The Milwaukee Congressman pointed out that currently three separate congressional committees now handle intelligence activities and appropriations.

"The result of the present system is all too often a piecemeal, hit-and-run examination of the policies and activities of the CIA and other U. S. intelligence-gathering agencies," Zablocki contended.

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Dodd Aims at CIA Critics

Sen. Dodd in the Senate Monday said he is disturbed by "unwarranted attacks" on the Central Intelligence Agency. Some of the attacks have come from congressmen and these, Dodd said, seem to him without foundation. Dodd mentioned no names of critics. A recent magazine article by Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., called for more congressional control over CIA and Reps. Emilio Q. Daddario, D, and Abner W. Sibal, R, of Connecticut, are among many congressmen who have introduced proposals for congressional committees to be "watch-dogs" of the CIA.

Dodd said advocates of such committees are unaware of some activities of the CIA which in the interest of national security couldn't be reported to Congress anyway. The CIA, he said, is now under steady scrutiny by the Appropriations and Armed Services committees.

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